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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Our Ref: 029082.53185US

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Robert FROST

entitled:

A Process For Operating A Packaging Transport System

Enclosed are:

- 1. Specification, including <u>51</u> claims (pages <u>1-25</u>).
- 2. 2 Sheets of X Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-2
- 3. Application Data Sheet
- 4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 103 10 000.8, filed in Germany on February 27, 2003 and 103 41 978.0 filed in Germany on September 8, 2003.
- 5. X Applicant claims Small Entity Status. (See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.)
- 6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee							\$385/770	= \$385.00
Total Claims	51	-	20	=	31	X	\$9/18	= \$279.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	= _	0	_ x	\$43/86	= \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280	= \$
Total Filing Fee							\$664.00	

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